

# CARRIGALINE GAA

Cumann Lúchhleas Gael CARRAIG Uí Leishinn

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## Senior Teams Report

Senior Footballers have so far struggled to get going, playing good in places but not over a sustained period in any of their league matches. They have yet to claim a win but have been close. Our Intermediate Footballers have continued their impressive start with an outstanding win over Glanmire.

The Premier Intermediate Hurlers have their eyes firmly fixed on promotion after scoring a goal with the last puck of the game to beat Kildorrery, and they also defeated Valley Rovers by a point. Our Intermediate Hurlers have continued their impressive form. They narrowly lost to Glen Rovers but then beat old rivals Ballinhasig by a goal.

Our U-21 A Footballers unfortunately lost out to Valley Rovers in the South East Final on a scoreline of: Valley Rovers 1-15 Carrigaline 1-09. See the Match Report on the next page.

The real story of the season so far has been the performances of both our second teams. Last year both sides played Junior A, but a brave decision was taken at the beginning of the year to regrade both teams to the Intermediate A grade. This decision looks to be already bringing plenty of rewards as both sides are not just competing, they're winning. Standards are improving with regular games and this can only be a massive benefit to not only our first teams, but to the club as a whole. Now when a player leaves Minor, the step to Senior has been made much clearer.

## Underage Report

Minor Football Championship started with a loss against St. Finbarr's. Our second team are in action soon against Ballincollig. Football for the Minors then ends until after the Leaving Cert, and attention turns to Hurling. Championship is fixed for Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> April. Their opponents are St. Finbarr's again.

Our U-14 Footballers are also in Championship action soon. We have three teams at this level which is impressive. Keep an eye on twitter and our website for details.

## Carraig Óg Report

Carraig Óg Football has begun Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:45. Carraig Óg Hurling is also underway on Sunday mornings from 11-12. This is for boys aged 5 to 10. Contact Brendan O'Driscoll on 085 118 2551 for more information.

## Where To Find Results & Fixtures

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**U-21 A South East Football Final**  
**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016, in Ballygarvan**  
**Carrigaline 1-09 Valley Rovers 1-15**

Unfortunately Carrig have been knocked out of this year's U-21 Championship by rivals Valley Rovers, after a spirited performance. Carrigaline had a horrid start, being 1-02 to 0-00 down after 10 minutes. Then to compound matters David Stack suffered a broken elbow and had to go off, being replaced by Kieran Dwane. Thankfully Carrig then settled into the game, gaining the upper hand in midfield & starting to impose their running game. The next 10 minutes saw the two teams' trade points. After 20 minutes the score was 1-06 to 5 points. Carrigaline had a nice mixture of scores in this time Brian Coakley (2), Barry Ryan, Eoin O'Connor & Colin Maguire. Then Carrigaline really got going with a goal from Matthew O'Reilly. It was a well worked team goal with a rocket of a finish. Credit to Valley Rovers, they battled through Carrigaline's purple patch and again the sides traded points. More Carrigaline scores came again from Maguire & Coakley. At half-time the score was 1-08 to 1-07 with Valleys leading by the minimum. Again Valleys started much brighter and had 3 quick points after 3 poor Carrigaline errors, to leave the score 1-11 to 1-07. Valleys were now in danger of pulling away. But Carrigaline battled on. Jack McCarthy was introduced for Captain Brian Lynch and took an impressive score, as did Colin Maguire. Then came a hammer blow when Brian Coakley went off injured after going over on his ankle. On came Daniel O'Reilly and Nathan Coleman for Coakley and Stephen Maguire. The game was still finely poised at this stage at 1-13 to 1-09. Carrig then had a goal chance that would have made the last 10 minutes very interesting but Daniel O'Reilly saw his shot wave just wide. By now Valleys gained control of the game and were frustrating Carrigaline's attempts to move the ball through the hands quickly. Valleys then added 2 more points and the final score read 1-15 to 1-09. Carrigaline have a lot of lessons to learn but with only 3 players' overage for next season there's a lot of positives to take from the display. Impressive for Carrigaline were the Full Back line of Cathal Murphy, Niall Quirke & Kieran Kavanagh who kept Valleys star studded Full Forward line relatively quiet. Also impressive was Jack McCarthy.

Carrigaline Team: Kealan Daly, Cathal Murphy, Niall Quirke, Kieran Kavanagh, Eoin O'Connor, David Griffin, Bryan Lynch (Captain), Brian Coakley, Barry Ryan, Matthew O'Reilly, Evan Ryle, David Stack, Billy Pope, Stephen Maguire, Colin Maguire. Subs Used: Kieran Dwane, Jack McCarthy, Daniel O'Reilly, Nathan Coleman. Panel: Andrew O'Reilly, Cormac Hickey, Morgan Walsh, David Kirk, Seán Goulding, Adam Coholan, Caleb O'Connell, Declan Maye, James Maher, Olan Barry, Eoin Riordan.

Scorers: Brian Coakley (0-03, 1 free), Colin Maguire (0-03, 2 frees), Matthew O'Reilly (1-00), Barry Ryan, Eoin O'Connor, Jack McCarthy (0-01 each).

**Carrigaline GAA Presents: A Family Night at the Races**

Carrigaline GAA is has changed the date of the Race Night to the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, @ 7pm, in the GAA Club. Buy a horse for €100! There are fabulous prizes for each Race winner. Why not buy a horse with family, friends or colleagues as part of a syndicate. Alternatively you can sponsor a race for €250 or put an advertisement in the Racecard from €25. Please come out and support us as this fundraiser is vital to the club as we continue to upgrade our facilities. Contact Billy Walsh on 086 830 0270, or Denis McBarron on 087 662 3002 for more details or to pledge your support.

## **We Are Senior**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of April, Carrigaline will take the field in Ballygarvan, as we have many a time before. But this is different, this time we enter the field as a Senior Club. What venue could be more fitting than Ballygarvan, a ground that has hosted so many of our triumphs and failures. Football has come a long way in the club, from the painfully unsuccessful 70's and 80's to today. Back then we were a Junior club and a successful season meant winning a match. But the South East title was landed in 1990 and we've been on this rollercoaster ever since. In 1993 Intermediate status was secured, though a county championship still eluded us. Intermediate County Finals were reached in 1996, 2003, and in 2007 after the division of the Intermediate grade, all ending in defeat. Success was attained in 2009 defeating Cill na Martra to reach the Premier Intermediate grade. What happened after that can only be described as torture. In 2010 we lost out to Newcestown in the Quarter Final after a replay. In 2011 we fell to the Relegation Final and after a three-game saga we just about avoided relegation, defeating Grenagh. In 2012 we reached the County Semi Final but were beaten by a much better St. Vincent's team. 2013 saw another Relegation Final but thankfully easily overcame the challenge of Kinsale. In 2014 we reached another County Semi Final, narrowly losing out to Valley Rovers. So many lessons were learnt through these tough campaigns and in 2015....Champions! So the 24<sup>th</sup> of April is no ordinary day, it's the biggest day in our long history. Be there, support us, enjoy the day and be a part of our history.

### **My Interview With Senior Football Manager Mick Meaney**

In the First Round of the 2016 Senior Football Championship we have drawn St. Nicholas from Blackpool. "They will be very hard to beat as they are a very seasoned team, they know how to win Senior Championship games and we are new at this level." St. Nicholas have a long tradition at this grade. Carrigaline have jumped 2 league divisions in 2 years and this has really helped us prepare properly for Championship. "It is important for us to do well this year as we are now in Division 2 and the higher you can get in the divisions of the Leagues is important for future teams going forward as it can only improve the teams if playing at a higher level." I asked Mick what it feels like to be the first ever manager of a Carrigaline Senior Team? "Personally it is a great honour and privilege for me, especially as a Carrigaline man, to see our club playing Senior Championship. I would like to thank the players and the management team for getting me to this position." How hard was it to park what happened in 2015 and concentrate on 2016? "2015 was a historic occasion for all but it was important for me as manager to make sure that the right preparations were put in place going forward for 2016." But my most important question was if Mick thinks we will see Carrigaline win the Senior Football Championship in the near future? "I would hope in the next 5 years that we will be contesting against the big teams and with the right structures put in place that we would be in a position to try and win a Senior County title." Exciting times ahead for the club but for St. Nicholas are all that's important for now.

### **Ladies Gaelic Football Club News**

Registrations due for 2016. It is essential that they are paid to ensure girls are covered for matches in coming season. Great results from recent matches. Well done to all the girls. U16 A v Douglas 5-14 to 0-03. U16 B v Nemo Rangers 6-05 to 1-04. U14 B2 v Dripsey 6-10 to 0-02. U12 v Shamrocks 5-12 to 6-05.

Junior Academy coming soon 7-8 years and 9-10 years. 6 week Programme. Registration 12th April. Training Tuesday's 6.30-7.30 pm

## Camogie News

The Camogie Street Leagues are back up and running with the fantastic new all-weather pitch proving very successful. U7's up to U12's returned at the end of February with up to 70 girls attending each week. The U5's and U6's started on 2<sup>nd</sup> April with 15 girls enjoying an expert coaching session led by Abbie O' Meara. The well run Carrighoun Indoor Camogie blitz was held in Riverstick on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March. The U8's, 9's, 10's and 11's took part in these games which proved competitive and enjoyable. Training takes place every Saturday morning between 10 and 11am and new members are always very welcome. U14 and U16's are training from 6-7 both Mondays and Fridays. U16's began their 2016 A league campaign on Easter Monday with a comprehensive win at home to St. Finbarr's. Next game is away to St. Catherine's. Our U14s began their A league campaign also at home to St. Finbarr's with the Barr's proving to be the stronger team on the day. Next outing for these girls is the Féile weekend at the end of April with time and venue to be announced. Our Minors and Senior Teams are back in full training Wednesday night's 8-9pm and Fridays 7-8pm. They have had a number of challenge games over the past few weeks in preparation for the up-coming Senior B and Junior B Leagues. Most recently in the Minor B League on Monday the 4th of April our girls had a comprehensive win over Iniscarra 5-22 to 1-02. This was their fourth game and to date have won two, lost one and drew one. Their last league game is this Saturday April 9th against Enniskeane. The Junior B League starts Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> at home to Glen Rovers. The Senior B League kicks off Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> away to Aghabullogue.